

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(32)

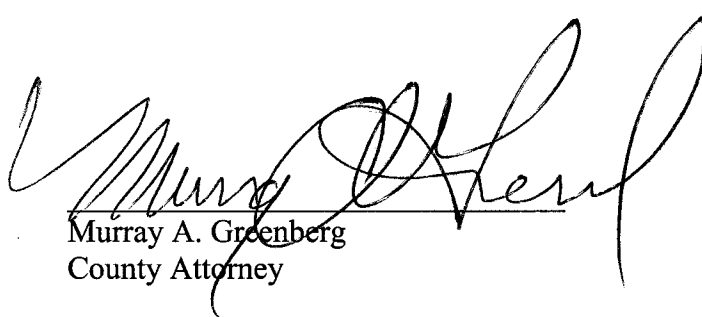
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 18, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting County
Manager to have a study on
the effects of Tasers on
humans, using the Medical
Examiner's Office

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-18-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
HAVE A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE MEDICAL
EXAMINER'S OFFICE ON THE EFFECTS OF TASERS ON
HUMANS, USING AVAILABLE RESEARCH AND THEIR
OWN EXPERIENCE

WHEREAS, there have been several incidents involving the use of Tasers on individuals
who subsequently died; and

WHEREAS, it appears that there is very little in the way of extensive studies or research
on the subject; and

WHEREAS, there has been an expression of concern in the community over the use of
Tasers; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Office reviews and determines the cause of death
in such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Office would have access to the records of other
medical examiner's offices around the country; and

WHEREAS, as professional forensic pathologists and toxicologists, they can review
such records in addition to their own experience and render their medical opinion,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

Section 1. Requests the County Manager to direct the Medical Examiner to complete
an analysis of cases where persons who were Tasered subsequently died.

Section 2. Requests the County Manager and the Medical Examiner's Office to review any existing body of science in addition to utilizing their own expertise on the effects of Tasers on humans, and to render a professional opinion on the lethality of Taser use.

Section 3. To report these findings back to the Board within 60 days.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Murray A. Greenberg

By: _____
Deputy Clerk